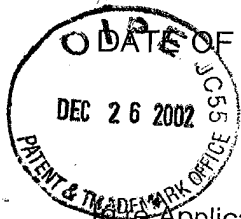


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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

- ☒ Two-Month Extension of Time
- ☒ Restriction Response
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ No additional fee is required for additional Independent, Dependent or Multiple Dependent Claims.

					Small Entity		or	Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee		Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	1	Minus	34		x 9 =	\$		x 18 =	\$ 0
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Total Additional Fee						\$		Total	\$ 0

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the consideration of this application on the merits, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

35. The method of claim 32, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is SEQ ID NO:1.
36. The method of claim 32, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is SEQ ID NO:2.
37. The method of claim 32, wherein the mutation is a deletion, base change, or insertion.
38. The method of claim 32, wherein the screening is by polymerase chain reaction.
39. The method of claim 32, wherein the screening is by nucleic acid hybridization.
40. The method of claim 32, wherein a sample is screened.



41. The method of claim 40, wherein the sample is mammalian.
42. The method of claim 41, wherein the sample is human.
43. The method of claim 32, wherein the sample is blood, serum, cells or tissue.

Support for new claims 35 and 36 can be found in old claim 32. Support for claim 37 can be found, for example, on p. 66; lines 5-17 and p. 67; lines 9-30; for claim 38, for example, on p. 68, lines 5-13; and for claims 39-43, for example, on p. 63, lines 10-19.

Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for examination on the merits.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this Amendment, please contact the undersigned.

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